

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1147 - HB 1346

March 11, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from adopting or implementing policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in the United Nations' *Agenda 21* or any other international law or plan of action that contravenes the United States Constitution or the Tennessee Constitution.

Prohibits this state and its political subdivisions from entering into an agreement, expending any money, or providing financial aid to any accredited non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations as defined by *Agenda 21*.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures –

\$2,300/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/City of Knoxville

\$3,500/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years/Nashville-Davidson County

Other Fiscal Impact – The extent and timing of any recurring, mandatory decrease to local revenue and permissive increase to local expenditures for Knoxville and Nashville-Davidson County cannot be determined.

Assumptions:

- Prohibiting the state and its political subdivisions from adopting or implementing policy recommendations that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process is not expected to have any significant fiscal impact on state or local government.
- Prohibiting such entities from entering into an agreement, expending money, or providing financial aid to certain organizations will not result in any significant fiscal impact on state expenditures.
- It is assumed that the state would comply with this legislation and instead direct any funds to another purpose. Any net impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.
- The International Council for Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI) is a nonprofit organization with ties to the United Nations that assists local governments with their sustainability goals. Local governments pay an annual fee to be members of the ICLEI.
- The city of Knoxville and the metropolitan government of Nashville-Davidson County (Nashville) are the only ICLEI members in the state.

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- Beginning in FY23-24, there would be a mandatory, recurring decrease in expenditures of \$2,250 for Knoxville and \$3,500 for Nashville relative to annual membership fees.
- The ICLEI provides members access to resources, software, training, and technical support that a local government would otherwise need to purchase or contract for; any permissive increase to expenditures for Knoxville and Nashville would vary depending on the resources utilized by each local government and, therefore, cannot be estimated.
- The ICLEI also assists members in accessing grants for sustainability purposes. The proposed legislation would likely prevent Knoxville and Nashville from receiving such grants, and thus, result in a mandatory decrease to local revenue, the extent and timing of which cannot be estimated.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation is not expected to have any impact on jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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